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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-037

**TO:** School District Superintendents and  
Elementary School Principals

**FROM:** Roxann Greenlee, Nutrition Program Consultant  
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**DATE:** February 26, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Applications

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#### INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

The USDA has again made the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program available to all elementary schools with priority given to schools which have 50% or higher free and reduced lunch eligibility. Applications are being sent to food service directors and the deadline for the application is **March 31, 2010**.

For an award to be made to a school, food service staff must obtain signatures from the individual elementary school principals and from the district superintendent agreeing to support this program. There must also be cooperation on the part of the teachers to possibly allow for classroom time to serve fresh fruits and vegetable and incorporate nutrition education into their curriculum.

The program highlights are:

- Targeted to elementary schools with a 50% or higher free and reduced price lunch eligibility
- Intended to expose children to fresh fruits and vegetables they might not receive at home and to encourage healthy snacking choices
- Served as a snack outside of regular meal service times
- *There is also an opportunity for schools with a 49% or lower free and reduced price eligibility to receive funding.*

We would highly encourage superintendents to support and encourage all of their staff to cooperate in applying for and operating this most inventive program. We will be conducting a WEN video training regarding applying for this program on March 2, 2010, from 1:00 to 3:00pm. I would encourage all interested parties to join us via WEN video for more detailed information.

For more information on this program contact Roxann Greenlee at 307-777-6398 or email at [rgreen@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:rgreen@educ.state.wy.us).